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to the following Wholesale Merchants in this

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TERMS CASH.

NOTICE. Confederate States of America, with me the firm of E. M. Bruce & and only agents for the purchase and only agents for the purchase the counties of Maury, Williamstach, Sumner and Wilson in the and for the entire State of Kentrill be carried on at Nashville name of E. M. Bruce & Co., for gusta Insurance and Banking Com-

Made in compliance with the Lewe of the State of Ten-nessee to regulate the Agencies of Foreign Insurance Companies, Section 440 to 1500.

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6th. Insurance Dues. 6.329 54
Tth. Bank Stocks. 42,184 00 
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 620 00

 Notes Discounted
 472 449 47

 Confederate States Loan
 56,750 00

None 7th Losses unadjusted and not due-none 8th and 9th. Losses unadjust-

21th. The greatest amount insured \$10.000.

12th. Amount insured in any city is not defined.

13th. The greatest amount in a block, \$15,000. Personally appeared before me, the subscriber, C.

\$832.506 69

F. McCay, Secretary of the Augusta Insurance and Banking Company, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that the above statement is correct and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief. C. F. McCAY, Secretary.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 19th Au ALPHIUS C. BEANS, Notary Public.

The same oath which the Secretary above taken on his part I as President, take on my part.

WM. M. D'AUTINGNAC, President.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30th day of August, 1861.

E. J. TUCKER,

J. P. for Fayette county, Tenn.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, ) Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 17, 1861. This is to certify that the Augusta Insurance and Banking Company, located at Augusta, in the State of Georgia, has complied with all the requirements of the Code, on the subject o' Foreign Insurance Companies, in section 1498 to 1507 inclusive, as well as the Act of 24th March, 1860, chapter 215, section 70, requiring a deposit with the Comptroller of twenty thousand collars of six per cent. Bonds of the State.

And that Jesse Thomas is the legally authorized Agent of said Company in the city of Nashville, State

J. T. DUNLAP, Comptroller The above is one of the oldest and most reliable Insurance Companies in the South. Those wishing insur-

#### of Cedar street and the Square. M. LUSKEY & CO., MANUFACTURERS OF

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#### NOTICE.

THE firm of Furman & Co. is this day dissolved by limitation. Mr Francis Furman takes charge of the books and assets and is authorised to settle up the business of said firm. Mr. Furman will be found at the store of Mr. M. C. Owen. (next door to our old stand.) where all persons indebted to us are requested to call and make payment. The name of the firm will be used only in liquidation.

FRANCIS FURMAN, GEO. SEARIGHT, JAMES M. GOODLOE, ANDREW CAMPBETL

CONFEDERATE STATES. SEQUESTRATION AND MILITARY STORES.

T HAVE taken an office on Cherry street, No. 10, in front of the Maxwell House, where all business, arising under the "Sequestration Act," will be attended to. Persons having in possession property or monoy be longing to "Alien enemies," will report to me at my office. Subscriptions in "Military Stores," received and paid for in \$ % cent Confederate Bonds.

S. R. COCKRILL, Receiver for Confederate States, Middle Tenness oct13-d2waw2m Wanted Immediately, 10.000 Bushels CORN, delivered at the Race Track or at our Pork House, to feed Government Cat-

tle and Hogs, for which we will pay the highest market price in cash. E. M. BRUCE & CO., Agents C. S. A.

#### RIFLE POWDER.

FINE GRAINED RIPLE POWDER just received and for sale in lots to suit purchasers, by H. S. THACHER,

Apothecary, Cedar street.

To News Venders. THE Laws of the Post Office Department of the Con THE Laws of the Poet Office Department of the Confederate States require that Venders of Newspapers and Periodicals shall pay the Postage and procure the Post Stamp upon each copy before placing the same on any line of transportation for sale or transit. I therefore warn all persons engaged in this business, that I will prosecute each and all who violate the said law. I am aware of violations in one or more cases, and hereby notify the flenders that unless prompt and accurate settlement is immediately made, legal steps will be at once taken to punish them to the extent of the law.

With D. McNISH, P. M., nov28-St.

#### CARD.

#### E. D. WHEELER, M. D., DENTIST,

LATE of Murfreesboro, intending to make his future residence in Nashville, respectfully offers his
professional services to its citizens in the specialty of
DENTAL SURGERY.
Till the close of the present year he may be found
during the last half of each month, at the office formerly occupied by Dr. McNairy, on summer street, between Church and Union.

Smooth Roller-Men Wanted CONSTANT employment and good wages will be given to one or two good Sheet and Boiler Iron Rollers, by application to novi-watwim WOODS, YEATMAN & CO. WOODS, YEATHAN & CO.

#### Abstract of the Condition of the Au- | Nashville and North-Western RAILROAD.

A COLUMN TO SERVICE STATE OF THE PARTY OF TH WESTERN DIVISION.

Change of Schedule.

ON and after 13th Nov., 1861, the Trains will com-mence running, making connections at McKenzie with the Memphis and Nashville Rathroad going North and South, as follows: 

Passengers taking the Edgefield and Kentucky Rail road Train, leaving Nashville at 8:00 A. M., will con-nect at McKensie with Trains for Dresden, Union City, Columbus and Hickman. This being the abortest and only direct route from Nashville to Union City, Columbus, Ky., via Nashville and Northwestern Railroad from McKenzie. nov16-tf E CULVARHOUSE, Supt.

Louisville and Nashville RAILROAD.

## NASHVILLE TO GREEN RIVER, KENTUCKY.

CHANGE OF TIME. TO TAKE EFFECT WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13TH, 1861

Leaving Nashville at 2:30 P. M. Arriving at Bowling Green at 6:35 P M. RETURNING

Leave Bowling Green at 8 A M. Arriving at Nashville 10 A. M. PREIGHT TRAINS. Leave Nashville at 7:15 A. M. Arrive at Bowling Green at 2:30 P. M. Leave Bowling Green at 10:45 A. M. Arrive at Nashville at 5:00 P M. JOHN T. WHALING,

JOHN D. JAMES. B. W PATHE.

### PAYNE, JAMES & CO.

(Successors to Messrs S. A. G. Noel & Co.) No. 4. Market Street.

NASHVILLE,..... TENNESSE Wholesale Grocers, Commission Merchants

AND DEALERS IN Foreign and Domestic Liquors, TOBACCO, CIGARS, &c., &c.

ALSO AGENTS OF LOUISIANA SUGAR PLANTERS, FOR THE SALE OF SUGAR AND MOLASSES, ship-ped direct from the Plantations to our address. We solicit a portion of that liberal patronage hereto-PAYNE, JAMES & CO.

IN retiring from the business we solicit for our successors, Measrs. Payne, James & Co., a continua-tion of that lineral patronage heretofore so kindly be-

stowed upon us, as they are g-niemen of qualification, good busin as habits, prompt in their dealings and liberal in their views.

Very Respectfully,

aug. 29—t

S. A. G. NOEL & CO.

5.000 Yards White Linsey just received, and for sale by W. J. PORTER LOS

FOR SALE.

1,000 Yds. Gray Military Cloth just received, W. J. PORTER & CO.

100 Doz. Hickory Shirts for sale by W. J. PORTER & CO. 100 Dog. Brown Drill Prawers for sale by W. J. PORTER & CO. 1,500 Yds Blue Drilling for sale by W. J. PORTER & CO.

2,000 Yds. Extra Canton Flannel for sale by W. J. PORTER & CU. 2,000 Yds. Covered Saxony wool Hats for W. J. PORTER & CO.

1,000 Bik. Saxony Wool Hats for sale by nov9 2w w. J. PORT-R & CO. New Sugar and Molasses. 50 Hhds prime to choice Sugars; 15 hhds. Clarified Sugar;

50 bbls. Crushed "
36 " Powdered "
100 " Molasses:
75 hif bbls Molasses; In store for sale for cash by HUGH MOREA & CO.

Salt. 500 Bags Coarse Salt; In store and for sale by HUGH MCREA & CO. Tanners' Oil.

50 Bbbla Tanner's Oil for sale low by HUGH MCREA & CO. Fire Crackers.

400 Boxes No. 1 Gold Chop for sale low by BUGH MCREA & CO. Beeves and Pork for the Army.

NOT FOR SPECULATION.

THE undersigned has been appointed ASest for the purchase of Beeves and Hors for the Confederate States, (not for speculation) and a call is requested of all having either for sale, who wish to see our troops provided for, liberal prices in Tennessee currency or Confederate Notes will be paid. Call at Cummings & Gilkson's, College street, near Church street.

J. F. CUMMINGS.

Agents for Purchasing Beeves and Hogs in the Confederate States.

The following gentlemen are agents for purchase of logs and Beeves in the Confederate States: E. R. Pennebaker and Samuel Thompson, Wilson

H. M. James, of Giles county;
A. Beatie and Samuel Su tie, Lincoln county;
Ferry & Gourn, Coffee county;
Sanuel S. Klison, Smith county;
Crockett & Ransum, Rutherford county;
John Frierson, Mr. Cox, and J. B. Woodslde, Maury

R. Si Thomas, L. W. Barrett, and T. M. Caldweller, F. Colyar, Franklin county;
Robt. D. Donaldson, Overton county;
W. S. Utley, Robertson county;
W. R. I ane, Sumner county;
Robert Davis and J. H. Parks, Marshall county;
George Doubleday, James Coleman, and O. B. Jenkins, Nashville;
Robert Bingham, B. C. Johnson Robert Bingham, B. C. Johnson, and James N. Car-sey, for different counties. J. F. CUMMINGS.

Wanted to Rent. A SMALL House, Cottage pre ness, for which a liberal rent will be puid.

B. S. CONNER.

No. 8, College street.

#### Sheriff's Sale.

BY virtue of an Atias Venditioni Exponas to me di-rected, and delivered from the Honorable Circuit Court of Davidson County, Tennessee, at its September term, 1861, I will expose to public sale, to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House Yard, in the city of Nathville, on Saturday, the 23d day of November, 1861, all the right, title, claim, interest and estate, which Felix G. McKay then had, or may have since acquired, in and to the following described have since acquired, in and to the following described property, to wit: two likely negro men; John, about thirty two years of age, of yellow complexion, and Mike, about thirty years of age, of yellow complexion; being levied on as the property of Felix G. McKay, to satisfy a judgment rendered in favor of P. Gibson, use, &c. against Felix G. McKay and L. Y. Craig, this, October 30th, 1861.

JOHN K. EDMUNDSON, Sheriff, By W. D. ROBERTSON, Deputy Sheriff.

#### Sheriff's Sale.

BY virtue of an alias vendi exponas, to me dir cted and delivered from the Honorable Circuit Court of Davidson County, Tennessee, at its September term, 1861, I will expose to public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Court House yard, in the City of Nashville, Saturday, the 30th day of November, 1861, all the right, title, claim, interest, and estate, which C. D. Elliott then had, or may have since acquired, in and to the following described property: A certain C. D. Elhott then had, or may have since acquired, in and to the following described property: A certain piece, parcel or tract of land, containing 25 acres, situated on the Nashville and Franklin Turnpike road, and bounded as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of R. O. Currey's land on the aforesaid Turnpike, thence at right angles in a westerly direction along the South boundary line of said Curry's land, to the Southwest corner of said tract of land, thence along the Western boundary of said land and in a northerly direction, so far as may be necessary to in clude said 25 acres, thence in line parrallel with said Southern boundary to the Turnpike road or Eastern Southern boundary to the Turnpike read or Eastern boundary line, thence along said Turnpike to the beginning. Said land lying and being in the County of Davi ison, State of Tennessee, being levied on as the property of C. D. Elliott to satify a judgment ren-dered in favor of Samuel Watkins against C. D. Elliott,

this November 7th, 1861. JOHN K. EDMONDSON, Sh'ff . By W. D. ROBERTSON, Dep. Sh'ff. nov8-td.

#### Sheriff's Sale.

BY virtue of vend. ex. to me directed and de livered from the Honorable Circuit Court of Pa videon county, Tennessee, at its January term, 1861. I will expose to public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Court House yard, in the city of Nashville, on Saturday, the 7th day of December, 1861, all the right, title, claim, interest and estate which James H Charlton then had or may have since acquired in and to the following described piece or parcel of land, situ ated, lying and being in Di trict No. 3, in the county of Davidson, and state of Tennesser, and bounded as follows: Saw and Grist mill on Hurricane creek, bounded on the North and West by the lands of W. P. Kimbro, and on the South and East by the lands of J. N. Kimbro—containing twelve or fitteen acres, being levied on as the property of J. H. Charlton to satisfy a judgement rendered in favor of B. D. Harris against J. H. Charlton and J. J. D. R. Shumate

J. K. FDMONDSON, Sh'ff. By E. D. WHI WORTH, D. Sh'ff.

### Sheriff's Sale.

BY virtue of vend ex. to me directed and delivered from the Honorable Circuit Court of Pavidson county, Tennessee, at its January term, 1861, I will expose to public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Court House yard, in the city of Nashall the right, title, claim, interest and estate which Samuel Kimbro then had or may have since acquired in and to the following described property: Twenty acres of land in the 6 h Civil District of Davidson acres of land in the 6.h Civil District of Davidson county, being the same land bought by said Kimbro of said Jones, this being the last payment of the pur chase money; levied up n as the property, and at the request of said Kimbro, and evidence by deed, dated 9th July, 1851, and registered in the Register's office, rook No. 26, page 6—bounded on the North by the lands of A Carper, East by E. W. Williams, South, by S Kimbro, West by W. R. Paul, being levied on as the pr perty of Samuel Kimbro to satisfy a judgment rendered in tavor of Benjamin F. Jones against Samuel Kimbro and S. H. Ham Samuel Kimbro and S. H. Ham J. K. EDMONDSON, Sh'ff.

#### By E. D. WHITWORKH, D. Sh'ff.

Sheriff's Sale. BY virtue of an Alias Venditoni Expense to me di-Court of Davidson Courty, Tennessee, at its September Term, 1861, I will expose to public sale, to the highest oidder, for cash, at the Court House Yard, in the City of Na hville, on Tuesday, the 17th day of December, 1861, all the right, title, claim, interest and estate which Felix G. McKay then had, or may have since acquired, in and to the following described property, viz: A likely Negro Man, named John, o yellow complex's, aged about 32 years, being levied on as the property of Felir G. McKay to satisfy a judgment rendered in favor of P. Gibson, use, &c., against Felix G. McKay and L. Y. Craig.

J. K. EDMUNDSON. Sheriff,
Nov 27-tds By W. D. ROEERT-ON, Dep. Shiff.

## A LARGE STOCK.

BY the greatest industry the undersigned has succeeded in getting together a very large stock of

Cigars, Tobacco and Snuff. And would call especial attention to a fine article of

Maccaboy Snuff,

J. W. LANGLEY. 44 Union Street. Bov21-dtf

\$150 Reward---Stolen.

FROM the Fair Grounds, on Tuesday morning last, 19th inst., two horses, one is black, about 9 years old, with a small star in the forehead; the other, a light bay—bald face. They were stolen by two men, one named Charles Buskin, and the other Hoyto. I will give a reward of \$25 00 for the return of each of the horses, and \$60 00 for each of the above named men. These men are deserters from service of the Confederate Army. An additional reward of \$30 00 will be paid by the Government for their apprehension. G. W ROBINSON,
Captain Commading,
Rutherford and Coffee Rangers.

CASH FOR PRODUCE. WANTED.

20,000 bushels of Irish Potatoes.
5,000 "Onious,
For which we will pay the highest cash prices.
B. B. CONNOR & BRO.

No. 5 College Street. Estate of James Harran. A S Administrator of the late James Harran, I here-by notify all persons indebted to him to make payment to me, and all who have claims against him to present the same to me at my office for allowance and settlement, and I also give further notice that to all claims not presented within the time required by law, I will plead the statute in bar. J. E. GLEAVES,

Nashville Gun Factory. STOCKHOLDERS in the Nashville Gun Factory, are notified that the Third call of Five Dollars per share is now due, and payable on 15th November,

By order of the Board,
F. G. ROCHE, Sec'y & Treasurer,
nov14—tf Office at Capitol.

Portable Copying Press. PORTABLE COPYING PRESS, WITH WRITING

AN INTERESTING LETTER. The War on the Sea-Coast-the Yan-

kees at Port Royal. The following letter from Charleston, to the Richmond Enquirer, is exceedingyl interesting:

CHARLESTON, S. C., Nov 21. Strange as it may seem to those who know the peculiar rancour of the Yankees towards South Carolina, up to the very morning when the great armada anchored off Port Royal, the planters along our coast could not, or would not, believe that they were to be the first victims of the invader, that their negroes were to be the first stolen, and that their broad acres were to be the first selected for the work of rapine and devastation. When the blow fell, it found them unprepared. In blind reliance upon our scanty coast defences, they had been quietly prosecuting their planting operations, without taking even the most obviously prudent steps to guard themselves against utter ruin in the event of a reverse. Perhaps they could not realize that Yankee effrontery would even extend so far as to attempt to plant a puritan colony upon the shores of the hated Palmetto and the Rattlesnake. When the delusion had vanished, amid the smoke and roar of a hundred hostile cannon, reverberating over their quiet plantations, they thought only of the impossibility of remaining where they might be presumed "loyal" to their country's foe, and hastily retreated from all those portions of the assailed district not within the lines of the Southern army. A few of them were followed by their slaves; but the plantation negro is a creature of strong local attachments, and, as their masters had given them the choice to accompany them, they know not whether or no to stay behind; the slaves, in most instances, amazed and confounded at the unwonted events going on around them, preferred to remain

vaders prevent the rest of the hands from following their example. The amount of cotton abandoned on the plantations was very considerable. It is not easy to estimate the quantity with certainty, but it is generally said to be about fifteen hundred bales. Many of the planters, before quitting, set fire to their crops and such other combustible property on their premises as could not be removed. It is certainly to be regretted that, in the confusion that prevailed. this very proper step was not more gen-

erally taken.

where they were. Subsequent events

have fully proven the folly of having

suffered them to stay. The Yankees have

coolly put them to their old work of

picking and ginning the cotton, and it is

not difficult to imagine that the poor

slaves will fare hard under their new

But the first surprise at the invasion has now died away, and I think the Northern Government may reckon, without fear of mistake, that it has obtained the very last bag of cotton, and also the last contraband, that it can ever hope to seize by pouncing upon the coast of South Carolina. Concerted arrangements between the planters and the military authorities have wisely been made by which no plantation will in future be abandoned until the crop is utterly consumed, the gin house and other buildings destroyed, the live stock driven off, and the hands removed to the interior. In the most exposed localities, that is, the islands adacent to Port Royal, on which the enemy may at any moment make his appearance, the work of destruction is already consummated. For the past few days gangs of negroes from the coast, laden with such effects as they can carry, and followed by droves of mules and horses, have been passing through this city on their way to the back coun'ry. Night before last the whole atmosphere in the city and for miles around, notwithstanding the bright moonlight, was hazy and lurid. Many could not account for the phenomenon. It was the effect of the wholesale conflagration of cotton going on at Edisto and other islands, intervening between Charleston and Port Royal. Wherever the marauders choose next to land, and it is useless to disguise the fact that they can land at a great many points, they will find nothing but devastated fields, deserted by all save the avenging presence of the partizan rifleman. The patriotic sacrifice which has been made by our planters is all the greater when we consider that the crops

of the present season have far exceeded the best ever before known. In my last letter I alluded to the strength of the defences of Charleston. Savannah, also, has been strongly fortified on a plan, for which the conformation of its harbour affords peculiar facilities, and I understand that General LEE says that that city is now in a condition to make a protracted and successful defense. General LEE has gone to Brunswick, Georgia.

A Washington letter writer says Lord Lyons recently remarked "that there were only three ports on the coast effectually blockaded—Washington, Georgetown and Alexandria; which was the sharpest thing of the Guyandotte neighborhood, one or two of them being quite wealthy.—Louisville that that rather dull nobleman ever said."

The Louisville Journal thus ventilates its opinion as to the arrest of Mason and Slidell :

The Paris correspondent of the New York Times writes as follows concerning the trum-peted mission of Mason and Slidell:

Paris, Friday, Nov. 1, 1861. The Southern Commissioners, who are now at Paris, look forward to the arrival of Mr. Slid II with a great deal of pleasure. They have immense confidence in his abilities, and anticipate, upon his arrival, being able to offer to the European Government new inducements for taking their Government under their protestion. their protection. Since the word protection bas slipped from my pen, I may say that I have heard it mentioned that one of the new inducements Mr. Sidell is authorized to offer to the French Government as the price of a recognition is that of giving France what is called in diplomacy a professorate over the new Confederacy, with such commercial advantages as must be ir esistible. Of course I have no means of guaranteeing the truth of this rumor. One thing, however, is certain—great hopes are built upon the diplomacy which Mr. S. idell will inaugurate upon his arrival

In the light of these facts, we may form a tolerably just estimate of the importance of the seizure of the rebel Ambassadors. Making due allowance for the enthusiasm and overweening confidence of the Southern Commissioners in Pagis, as well as for the evanescent character of effects depending chiefly on mere fraud and cunning, it is certain, after all, that Mason and Slidell. if they had safely reached Europe, would have inflicted considerable damage on the national cause, and, in contingencies not impossible, might have damaged it very seriously. They are certainly both men of mark in their way, and their way is very well suited to the cause they were appoint-

ed to represent. Slidell, as the American public knows, is an intriguer of the first order, combining the keenness and energy of his native North with a depth of secretiveness and malignity which belongs properly to climes nearer the equator than even his adopted South. He is a sort of cross between the for and the tiger. Experienced, energetic, dextrous, unscrupulous, and fired by quenchless hatred of the section which gave him birth and of the country to which he owes allegiance, he is admirably fitted to push t he interests of the rebellion in countries where his own is neither loved nor comprehended. As for Mason, whatever may be said of him in the extravagance of righteous scorn, his power is by no means to be despised. He is in many respects a dangerous adversary. His astuteness, his self-possession, his audacity of pretension, his skill and experience in affairs, the prominent figure he has cut heretofore in our public life, and even the and ruthless taskmasters. Some of them ancestral glory that made a fool of him have already escaped to the main, and here, would alike conspire to render him say nothing but the bayonets of the ineffective abroad in the capacity in which he sought to go. With all his many and indefeasible titles to contempt, it cannot be denied that he is well-informed, ingenious,

and plausible. On the whole, therefore, we conclude, that, whatever difference of opinion there may be amongst loyal people as to the degree of the importance of the seizure of the rebel Ambassadors, every one must agree that it is better for the country that they are where they are than where they would like to be, and where they probably would be, but for the decision and gallantry of Capt. Wilkes. No matter what may come of the seizure, Captain Wilkes deserves the applause of the country.

#### A Scare at Cairo.

A correspondent of the St. Louis Republican, writing from Cairo under date of 19th of Nov., says:

"Yesterday word was received that Camp Holt would be attacked before morning by Polk with a formidable force. The night came on bringing with it a tempest of wind and rain. It was very dark, the water fell in a deluge, and in an hour all the tents on both sides of the rivers were affoat. Soldiers got into chests, wagons, or whatever would raise them above the flood, while the wind blew down trees and tore canvas to pieces, raising a babel of sounds in the forest surrounding Bird's Point and the threatened locality of Camp Holt. To add to the interest of the exhibition at the former place, a sentinel fired at a hog, the long roll was beat and the drenched volunteers formed in order and water to meet whatever foe approached. A regiment of had previously been sent over to Fort Holt to assist the force there, should it be attacked: but if such a design was ever entertained by the Confederates, it was abandoned in deference to the elements. At Bird's Point part of Col. Wallace's regiment which bad been absent after Thompson, returned about 10 o'clock at night, while the storm was wildest, and fired off their guns just before entering the fortifications. A half dozen of the soldiers from the tents, supposing they were attacked, sprung upon the earthworks and returned the fire, without, however, causing any injury. Through such scenes as these the night passed away, and morning revealed a surface of mud and water that has all day long occupied the military talent of this department to avoid. To-morrow an expedition starts from here to Crittenden county, Kentucky, I understand, to confiscate some property.

The steamer Crickett arrived at Cincinnati on Tuesday with six rebel prisoners from Guyandotte, Va. Their names are Charles T. Everett, Peter Everett, David dT Frampion, Robert Reynolds, Wm. C. Rogers and Stephen C Strother. These men, it is